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SUMMARY. MILITANT ATTACK ON "GREAT MEN" AND "SAGES" ADDS CAUTIONARY
NOTE TO AVOID WILLY NILLY TARGETTING OF LEADERS. END SUMMARY

1. A JULY 8 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE ENTITLED "CRITICIZING THE
THREE AWESOME THINGS" IS ATTRACTING SOME ATTENTION HERE. IT IS
INDEED A MILITANT SOUND PIECE, WITH ITS CALL FOR OVERCOMING
TRADITIONAL CHINESE RESPECT FOR HEAVEN, GREAT MEN, AND SAGES,
AND IT IS UNCOMMONLY SHARP IN ITS CHARGE OF /CAPITALIST
ROADERS IN POWER" WITHIN THE PARTY." IT ALSO QUOTES WANG HUNG-
WEN'S PARTY CONGRESS CALL FOR FEARLESSNESS IN GOING AGAINST THE
TIDE.

2. BUT THE ARTICLE ALSO SPEAKS IN TERMS OF THE HISTORICAL
SWEEP OF REVOLUTION AND CASTS THE CHANGING OF POPULAR ATTITUDES
IN A LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE. ONLY BY CONTINUING TO GO AGAINST
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THE TIDE AND CARRYING FORWARD THE FEARLESS REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT

CAN THE PROLETARIAT CONTINUE TO WIN VICTORIES AND CHANGE HABITS.
THE ARTICLE ENDS ON THE CAUTIONARY NOTE THAT " IT IS WRONG TO SAY
IN GENERAL, 'AS LONG AS WE REBEL AGAINST THE LEADERSHIP, WE ARE
GOING AGAINST THE TIDE,' WITHOUT MAKING CLASS ANALYSIS."

3. ROBERT ELEGANT OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES HAS FILED A STORY
SAYING THAT THE PIECE IS ONE OF SEVERAL RECENTLY ATTACKING MAO.

4. COMMENT. WE DO NOT SEE AN ATTACK ON MAO IN THIS ARTICLE
AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE PUBLIC WOULD
EITHER AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH THE AUTHOR IS CLEARLY SLATING TOP
FIGURES IN THE LEADERSHIP. WE ARE MORE IMPRESSED WITH THE
CONCLUDING WARNING THAT ATTACKING LEADERS WILLY NILLY IS WRONG.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT EVEN THE MILITANT FORCES INVOLVED IN THE
MOVEMENT SEE EXPANDING, UNDISCIPLINED PERSONEL ATTACKS AS HARMFUL
TO THEIR INTERESTS.
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